

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1754  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 1754, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a  
medicaid buy-in program for workers with disabilities that will  
encourage individuals with disabilities to work while  
concomitantly retaining their access to medicaid.

This measure also requires the Department of Health to  
operate a pilot medicaid buy-in program until the Department of  
Human Services implements the permanent program by July 1, 2017.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Department of Health, the State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities, Community Alliance for Mental Health,  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association,  
and one individual. The Department of Human Services submitted  
written comments.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only five states  
that has not implemented a medicaid buy-in program. Many disabled  
individuals have a disincentive to find employment or increased  
employment because doing so will cause them to lose various  
medicaid benefits and supports. Your Committee believes that a  
medicaid buy-in program will remove the disincentive to work by



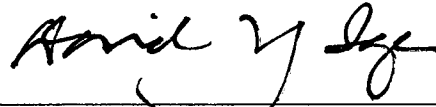
providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to increase their income while maintaining health care benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation for the University of Hawaii Center on Disabilities Studies for outreach and training programs be made for the medicaid buy-in pilot program for workers with disabilities;
- (2) Changing the appropriation in section 6 to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1754, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1754, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB1754, HD2, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-25-14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kalani</i>				
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